

**I. BASIC LICENSE****1. Safety**

- ☐ Understand emergency shut-down procedure
- ☐ Demonstrate handling of the column valves
- ☐ Point out where emergency contact numbers are posted
- ☐ Know how NCEM staff for support can be contacted

**2. Prepare the instrument for your session**

- ☐ Show how to check basic vacuum functionality and target pressure values  
(Gun: 1, Liner: 18-20 and Octagon: < 10)
- ☐ Check Gun operate "ON" and extraction voltage "4500V"
- ☐ Demonstrate the proper settings of monochromator focus and gun lens.
- ☐ Check instrument status (TEM/STEM, image/diffraction, accelerating voltage, etc.)
- ☐ Show which software needs to run to control which functionality

**3. Pre-setup**

- ☐ Explain strategies to find the beam if not present
- ☐ Demonstrate sample manipulation by using the Compustage
- ☐ Demonstrate procedure to find eucentric height of the sample
- ☐ Show electron-optical alignment procedures for "Direct Alignments" and "Stigmators"
- ☐ Demonstrate handling and choice of the CL2 aperture

**4. Daily (basic) TEM operation**

- ☐ Demonstrate how to set and align the TEM illumination (2-condenser lens mode)

**5. Daily (basic) STEM operation**

- ☐ Demonstrate how to set and align the STEM illumination (3-condenser lens mode)

**6. Closing the session**

- ☐ Set TEM mode if different
- ☐ Set magnification at x10K
- ☐ Close column valve
- ☐ Complete log book

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**II. INTERMEDIATE LICENSE****7. Image corrector fine tuning**

- ☐ Apply basic alignment on a cross-grating specimen
- ☐ Demonstrate how to set instrument conditions for tuning of the image corrector  
(magnification, illumination set up, defocus etc.)
- ☐ Know target values of aberration coefficients, e.g. A1, B2 etc.
- ☐ Demonstrate iterative tuning procedure using the corrector control software

**8. Probe corrector fine tuning**

- ☐ Apply basic alignment on a cross-grating specimen
- ☐ Demonstrate how to set instrument conditions for tuning of the illumination corrector

(magnification, illumination set up, defocus etc.)

- ☐ Know target values of aberration coefficients, e.g. A1, B2 etc.
- ☐ Demonstrate iterative tuning procedure using the corrector control software

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### **III. EXPERT LICENSE**

#### **9. Monochromator setting**

- ☐ Demonstrate how to set up, align and optimize a monochromator setting
- ☐ Show procedure to form a monochromated illumination for TEM
- ☐ Demonstrate procedure to form a monochromated STEM probe

#### **10. GIF tuning**

- ☐ Align the energy filter for spectroscopy and filtered imaging

#### **11. Daily HREELS operation**

- ☐ Demonstrate the procedure to optimize the energy resolution by manually minimizing spectrometer aberrations and 60 Hz interferences using the streak-imaging technique

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